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“Fenders or Splash Aprons”

To minimize the spray or splash of water and other debris, all motor vehicles, trailers, and semi trailers, must be equipped with fenders, covers, flaps, or splash aprons. Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 46.37.500 states in part, “. . . no person may operate any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer that is not equipped with fenders, covers, flaps, or splash aprons adequate for minimizing the spray or splash of water or mud from the roadway to the rear of the vehicle. All such devices shall be as wide as the tires behind which they are mounted and extend downward at least to the center of the axle. . . .”

If the wheel well/fender area on any vehicle, (passenger car, truck, sport utility, trailer etc.) is as wide as the tire and extends down to the center of the axle, than an additional splash spray suppressant device is not required.

An exception is granted for motor vehicles not less than forty years old or a street rod when operated primarily as a collector's vehicle and driven during fair weather on well-maintained hard-surfaced roads.

When changing the size of your tires or adding components to your suspension system, make sure the current device for minimizing the splash or spray is still effective

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